

Oct. 5, 2014

Attention: Attorney General Martha Coakley

Attn: Antitrust Division
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place, 18th Floor
Boston, MA 02018

Dear Attorney General,

As a Weymouth resident, I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the Partners/South Shore Hospital merger.

I believe it will hurt consumers, drive up costs and crowd out competition. Because the price caps were only negotiated for six and one half years, the deal would still allow Partners, the state's largest health care provider to increase prices faster than its competitors. Less competition always guarantees higher prices to consumers. Because my insurance will not cover Partner's hospitals, I will no longer be eligible to utilize the South Shore Hospital which is only two miles from my home. This will be an inconvenience to many.

I trust that my opposition will be a consideration for Judge Janet Sander's review. Please forward to Judge Sander.

Sincerely,

Joanne Stinson

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Weymouth, MA

